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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRM SELECTION)**

INDIA

BIHAR TRANSFORMATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Project No.: P159576

Assignment Title: **Hiring of Agency for providing regular crop advisory services to Farmers in BTDP**

Reference No. : A1.19

Bihar Transformative Development Project (BTDP), an initiative of Government of Bihar with an objective to provide livelihoods opportunities for rural communities with special focus on poor. Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society through support from the World Bank aims to scale up the JEEVIKA model of poverty alleviation in 300 blocks of 32 districts in Bihar under Bihar Transformative Development Project (BTDP).

The objective of the assignment is to provide regular and periodic training and **expert** crop advisories customized to each farmer selected from the project area, covering all major crops grown by the farmer in all seasons of cropping in the year that is based on local weather, cropping pattern, water and soil conditions. The purpose of the crop advisory is to ensure that right information and knowledge on crop production that is actionable is delivered to the farming households so that they are able to take action in time to achieve steady crop productivity and production.

For scope of work etc., consultants may kindly refer Terms of Reference placed at www.brlp.in

The Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the above services for BRLPS. Interested Consultants fulfilling **shortlisting criteria** should submit their Expression of Interest by providing information in the tabular format along with supporting document demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The tabular format can be downloaded at www.brlp.in. The period of consultancy will be for 12 months.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IDA Credits by World Bank Borrowers (2011), updated in July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 10.00 AM to 05.00 PM.

Expressions of interest for providing consultancy services should be delivered in sealed envelope in a written form **along with a soft copy in a CD/DVD** along with all necessary supporting documents to the address below in person or by mail by 30th May 2016.

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Weightage for Shortlisting

Sl. No.	Description	Weightage for Shortlisting
1.	Availability of “ proven ¹ ” ICT platform. Provide key features of the ICT platform, including the technical details, number of crops for which the application shall support and varied geographical areas that can be served during a particular cropping season, maximum number of farmers that can be served, type of advisories generated, scope for customization, interoperability/ scope for porting the data from third party application, etc.	30 Mark
2.	Past experience of the ICT platform (should have been used to deliver crop advisories to at least 10,000 farmers over a period of 5 years for 2-3 different crops) (Cumulative over a period of last 5 years). Provide the details of the projects for which the application is used, including the client, duration of the project, project areas, no of farmers served, types of advisories generated etc. NOTE: one assignment means experience with at least 10000 farmers)	1 assignment = 10 marks 2 assignments = 20 marks. 3 assignments = 30 marks. Total 30 marks
3.	Availability of appropriate Professional team with high level of competencies to handle tasks & responsibilities.	10 – 20 numbers = 10 Nos. 20 Numbers & above = 25 Nos
4.	Intending Agency should have Annual Average Turnover of Rs. 5.0 crore or more in the last three completed financial years. Audited financial statements of the last three years should be attached	2 – 3 crore = 5 Nos. 3- 4 crore = 10 Nos. 5 crore &above = 15 Nos.
NOTE:Short listing will be made on above Information only. Attach clear photocopies of supporting document duly signed and stamped.		

¹ Proven means the ICT platform should have been used to deliver crop advisories to at least 10,000 farmers over a period of 5 years for 2-3 different crops